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The references cited on the attached PTO/SB/08A were cited in a European Search Report dated 28 February 2005, of corresponding European patent application No. 03 25 6410. A copy of the European Search Report is enclosed herewith.

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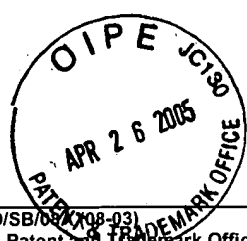
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